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MORE HOPEFUL NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DAIL CABINET MAJORITY AGAINST DE VALERA.

General Election in February?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 9.

While Mr. de Valera's message revealing a split in the Sinn Féin Cabinet over the Irish treaty shows rocks ahead, there is little disposition in London to take an alarmist view, seeing that four members of the Cabinet, constituting a majority, are in favour of ratification, including such influential members as Mr. Griffith and Commander-in-Chief Collins.

Mr. Griffith has issued a counterblast saying that he will stand by the treaty in the belief that the end of centuries of conflict is at hand. Moreover, the mass of the Irish people are evidently in favour of peace. The news of the signature, followed by the immediate release of thousands of internees, led to rejoicings in the south of Ireland. No news since the armistice has made a happier impression in Britain, the Dominions, and United States. Congratulations have poured in to Downing Street from everywhere in the world.

It is stated that Ulster's attitude is not expected until after Sir James Craig's interview with Mr. Lloyd George to-day.

Mr. James came to London specially to seek elucidation of certain points in the treaty. Belfast received the news of the agreement coolly.

The King opens the special session of Parliament on the 14th inst. called to ratify the settlement. Parliament reassembles at the new year to pass the necessary Bill, after which, owing to the important constitutional changes involved, Parliament is expected to be dissolved. There is talk of a General Election in February.

THE PRINCE IN INDIA.

Wonderful Spectacular Exhibition.

Bharatpur, December 9.

A wonderful evening pageant on an illuminated plateau was given in the Prince of Wales' honour. When the Prince arrived with the Maharaja, the hillside burst into a vast shimmering device in which Prince of Wales' feathers were silhouetted against the background. The procession was most impressive in its grandeur as it slowly rolled by to the accompaniment of a military band, alternating with the native bagpipes. Elephants, camels, lions, tigers also played a part.

When the native Infantry swung past, the Prince of Wales led the enthusiastic applause in tribute to their wartime services. These were succeeded by white-robed cavalry, who flitted out of the gloom like ghosts to the sounds of weird native music on old-time instruments.

Quaint touches of incongruity were introduced by an elephant battery of brass cannon, followed by a caterpillar tractor hauling modern guns also an ox transport on whose heels was a column of the latest type of motors. A number of other vivid features contributed to a really marvellous display.

The Prince left for Lucknow after a day-long wild duck shoot and a State banquet.

Lucknow, December 9.

Replying to a municipal address, the Prince dwelt on the city's historic associations with fame and its present-day importance.

Successful Tour of the Native States.

Bharatpur, December 9.

The Prince of Wales' eventful visit concludes a successful tour of the Native States of Rajputana, including Bikanir and Baroda, upon which he started following his arrival at Bombay and a flying visit to Poona.

The Prince now proceeds to Lucknow en route to Calcutta, after which he leaves for Rangoon, returning to India in January, when H.R.H. visits Madras, Delhi, Central India, and Peshawar, leaving Karachi in March for Japan.

THE REPARATIONS DISCUSSION.

French Premier to Visit London.

London, December 9.

As the outcome of the reparations discussions in London between Sir Robert Horne and M. Loucheur, the latter is returning to Paris bearing an invitation to M. Briand to come to England to exchange views with Mr. Lloyd George.

Later.

M. Briand has agreed to come to London before Christmas to discuss reparations.

THE LATE SIR C. A. PEARSON.

Blinded Soldiers' Friend.

London, December 9.

The Minister of Pensions has telegraphed condoling with Lady Pearson (See Earlier Cable). He says that the whole Empire will mourn one who, above all, was the friend of blinded soldiers.

THE STRAITS LOAN.

Larger Applicants Allotted 78 per cent.

London, December 8.

It is understood that the larger applicants for the Straits loan received allotment of 78 per cent.

U.S. SUBMARINE SINKS.

Crew's Remarkable Escape.

New York, December 9.

The submarine 884 sank off Bridgeport harbour. The crew escaped through the torpedo tubes.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

REAFFIRMING CHINA'S INTEGRITY.

Treaty Making Liberty.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, December 8.

A communique states that the Far Eastern Committee's resolution passed yesterday was suggested by Sir Auckland Geddes and adopted with slight modifications. It provides that the Powers attending the Conference declare their intention "not to enter into any treaty, agreement, arrangement, or understanding with one another, or individually or collectively with any Power or Powers, which infringe or impair the principles declared by the resolution adopted by the committee on the 21st ult"—namely, Senator Root's resolution declaring for the territorial and administrative integrity of China.

Dr. Koo on "the Essential Principle."

Later.

A communique states that the Far Eastern Committee met on the 8th inst. All the delegates were present, except Senator Underwood, Signor Ricci, Baron Shidehara, and Senhor Mercuso.

Dr. Wellington Koo said that the essential principle laid down in point 3 of the Chinese proposals was that the Chinese Government could have pre-notification of the negotiations upon any treaty or agreement affecting Chinese interests. Agreements had frequently been made relating to the Far East, China particularly, without the participation of China or previous notice to the Chinese Government. He proposed that the Powers should agree not to conclude between themselves any treaty or agreement directly affecting China, the Pacific, or the Far East without previously notifying China and giving her opportunity to participate.

Mr. Balfour Sympathetic with a Reservation.

Mr. Balfour expressed sympathy with the broad aspirations of Dr. Koo, and emphasised the Committee's desire to remove as far as possible abnormal conditions in China and to bring relations with China into the normal course of policy regulating relations between civilised states. He thought there was hope that all present would place China in a position to defend her neutrality so that she would no longer be a prey to acquisitive Powers.

Mr. Balfour thought this more likely to be attained by dealing with China's difficulties one by one, rather than by adopting the broad principle proposed by Dr. Koo.

Need of Stable Chinese Administration.

Another method, which ought to be still more fruitful, must depend upon China herself. All the conference could do was to see that no undue limitation was placed upon China's sovereign independence and to give all the help in its power towards the creation of a pure, vigorous administration. He could not see that the position would be helped by the principle proposed by the Chinese delegation, which went a good deal beyond any existing principle of international law. Dr. Koo's principle involved the limitation of treaty-making rights of Powers, which was hardly acceptable. The great remedy for the evil of uncreditability (sic) treaties was publicity.

Mr. Balfour pointed out that all the members of the League of Nations and the United States by its Constitution were bound to publish treaties. That was a real protection for China.

Mr. Hughes Supports Treaty-making Freedom.

Mr. Hughes emphasised that the Conference did not wish to interfere, but wished to help China to establish sound government. Agreement to respect the integrity of the sovereignty of China implied agreement by China to respect the integrity of other Powers. Each Power should be free to make agreements necessary to preserve its proper interests.

Governments Approve Pacific Agreement.

Washington, December 9.

The Powers' agreement on Pacific questions has been approved by their respective Governments.

The text of the agreement will be announced by Mr. Hughes at the forthcoming plenary session. It is understood that the question of Pacific fortifications will be settled on the basis of the non-extension of existing naval facilities and fortifications.

EMPLOYMENT OF ORIENTALS IN CANADA.

Dominion versus Provincial Rights.

Ottawa, December 9.

The Dominion Government has referred to the Supreme Court the question of its power to disallow the British Columbia legislation prohibiting the employment of Chinese and Japanese on Provincial Government contracts.

NOVEMBER TRADE RETURNS.

Slight Improvement on Preceding Month.

London, December 9.

The Board of Trade returns for November show imports of £39,000,000 compared with £14,000,000 in November last year and exports of £63,000,000 compared with £119,000,000. There is a slight improvement, equalling five millions in imports and one million in exports, however, compared with the longer month of October, 1921.

FLEET SOLD IN TEN MINUTES.

Alleged Numerous Inquiries, but Limited Bids.

London, December 9.

On the Baltic Exchange the Maudslayi & Co. of ten cargo steamers was sold in ten minutes for £239,000. The auctioneer said that inquiries for ships were worldwide, including the Far East, but there were only twenty bids.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER.

A Successful Year.

In spite of many handicaps, the earnings of the China Light and Power Company, (1918), Ltd., show a slight increase on last year and there is every reason to look forward to an increase in business in the future. It was stated at the third ordinary general meeting of the Company, held at St. George's Building this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. P. White and S. S. Perry (consulting Committee), Mr. Poon I-cho (actg. sec.), Messrs. A. A. Botelho, Tsai Tsan-tin, F. J. Toppin, H. H. Taylor, F. M. Ellis and A. S. Ellis.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said: "Gentlemen: We have now to lay before you the report and accounts for the year ended 30th September, which, with your permission, we will dispense with reading. With the balance of £122,873.32 at credit of Profit and Loss account we propose to write off Goodwill Account \$30,000.00; to pay a dividend of 50 cents per old share, \$50,000.00; and 40 cents per new share, \$40,000.00; and to place to the credit of Bad & Doubtful Debts account, \$2,873.22 and we hope you will approve of the allocation of the profits.

Owing to labour and other difficulties at home, the new plant did not reach us until long after it was due, and the new factory at Hok-ung was consequently not completed until the end of September. In the meantime we had to do the best we could with our old engines, which could not cope with all the business we were offered. Our income also was materially affected by the reduction in our charge for lighting, so that we were working at a considerable disadvantage throughout the year. But in spite of these handicaps, our earnings show a slight increase, and now that our new installation is all erected and in full swing, with a good demand for both light and power, we have every reason to look forward to a steady increase in our business in future.

With regard to the accounts, there is nothing in them that calls for special remark, as they are set out in considerable detail and speak for themselves. There will, however, be some changes to be made in the ensuing year as our assets will include the new land at Hok-ung which we have obtained in exchange for the old factory plus \$40,000 to cover the old buildings which the Government take over. None of this affects the present accounts as we had not then completed the transfer of the old property but after that is done we shall take the opportunity of readjusting the values of the land, buildings and machinery, which have all been more or less affected by the alterations and additions necessitated by the change of factory and the transfer of the old plant to the new site.

It has taken a good deal of money to effect the transfer of the factory and to purchase and erect the new machinery in addition to the cost of putting our main lines underground, and you will notice that to provide the necessary funds we had to borrow on debentures, to the extent of \$638,484.50. However, our present capital expenditure is now at an end, and as earnings increase, we shall be able to reduce our indebtedness accordingly. As for the future, I can say no more than that our prospects seem very good indeed, and, as Kowloon continues to develop, so should our business over there expand.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and that the profit for the year be distributed as proposed. When that has been seconded, I shall be very pleased to answer any questions from Shareholders.

Sir Paul Chater seconded and the Report and Accounts were adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. H. H. Taylor, seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater

HONGKONG'S TRADE.

Chamber of Commerce Report.

The fortnightly price current and market report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce states:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Our markets are dull and uninteresting. No revival is anticipated before China New Year. Local values have declined and are below Home parties in most cases.

Cotton Yarn.—At the commencement of the interval, values were about 3 1/2 per bale, but subsequently reverted to their former levels owing to expectations of fairly heavy arrivals from Shanghai. A fair volume of business was transacted. Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$160/194. No. 12s. \$180/200. No. 16s. \$195/225. No. 20s. \$205/225. Arrivals 1,500 bales. Sales 4,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock 1,000 bales. Bargains 6,000 bales.

Woolens.—There is no change in the market. Raw Cottons.—A few hundred bales of Bengal Cotton changed hands at \$25/25 1/2, following are the approximate closing values:—Indian descriptions at \$23/31 per picul. Chinese descriptions at \$29/36 per picul.

Metals.—Business very dull. Lower exchange has more than discounted the fall in prices quoted from London.

Flour market report: Stock: About 600,000 sacks. Quotations: American Patent \$3.80 per sack, American Straight \$2.85 per sack, American Cut off \$2.96 per sack, Shanghai Flour \$3.20 per sack, Australian No. 1 \$2.90 per sack.

A FEMALE "RAFFLES."

Detective Drama at the World.

A counterpart to the famous "Raffles, the amateur crackman," is the character "Lady Cleveland" in the World Theatre's week-end attraction, "Love's Prisoner." All her life the law is against her—her father goes to jail for a crime he never committed, the law decides against her when her husband dies—and although holding a high position in society, she is practically penniless. In the days of her childhood she was brought up in the slums and she has always a warm corner in her heart for the poor. She decides to help them and also to keep up the same position herself as when her husband "Lord Cleveland" was alive. A society woman by day, she is "The Bird," cleverest of all New York's crooks, by night. "Jim Garide," a young and handsome detective, is put to catch "The Bird" and whilst engaged to running his "man" to earth "Lady Cleveland" and the sleuth fall in love. But the detective discovers "Lady Cleveland's" secret in the end, and as "The Bird" arrests her. She pays the full penalty and when she is released the two marry.

The plot is an original one and the story is well-portrayed, with Olive Thomas in the principal role and a good cast. There is no lack of excitement, and those who enjoy a good detective drama would do well to pay the World Theatre a visit.

ANCIENT CUSTOM TO BE ABOLISHED.

A custom which has prevailed for centuries in the ancient market town of Oswestry, allowing farmers' carts to park in the streets, is to be abolished on January 1.

C.M.O., Messrs. H. P. White, S. S. Perry and T. P. Hoogh were re-elected Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Mr. S. S. Perry, seconded by Mr. H. P. White, Messrs. Linstead, and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Dugham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Official List.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed to be observed as General Holidays the first week-day following Chinese New Year's Day and the first week-day in July, in addition to the days mentioned in section 3 of the Holidays Ordinance, and Armistice Day, 11th November, in substitution for the Monday which falls on or nearest to the ninth day of November.

The following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1922:—

Public Holiday:—Empire Day, Wednesday, 24th May.

GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

The first week-day of January, Monday, 2nd January. Chinese New Year's Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day. Provided that if the Chinese hereafter adopt the Gregorian Calendar then the second week-day in January, Saturday, 28th January. The first week-day following Chinese New Year's Day, Monday, 30th January. Good Friday, Friday 14th April. The day following Good Friday, Saturday, 15th April. Easter Monday, Monday, 17th April.

The Birthday of His Majesty the King, unless it shall be ordered by the Governor, by an order published in the Gazette, that His Majesty's Birthday is to be kept on some other day, and then, such other day.—Saturday, 3rd June. Whit Monday, Monday, 5th June. The first week-day in July, Saturday, 1st July. The first Monday in August, Monday, 7th August. The second Monday in October, Monday, 9th October. Armistice Day, Saturday, 11th November. Christmas Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, Monday, 25th December. The 26th day of December, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, unless Christmas Day fall on a Sunday then the Tuesday following Christmas Day, Tuesday, 26th December.

It is further notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to exclude the Police Magistrates' Department from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, on the 2nd and 30th January, 15th and 17th April, 3rd and 5th June, 1st July, 7th August, 9th October, 11th November, and 26th December.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

There is a Pauline Frederick and a Charlie Chaplin picture in the programme at the Hongkong Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

The list showing the distribution of profits of the M.C.L. Bazaar is published on Page 2.

The T.K.K. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the Shinyo Maru.—Page 5.

Lane Crawford's have something of interest for Ladies on Page 3.

Lambers sell Cloth and Miscellaneous Goods on the 12th inst.; Strawboard and Rattan on the 13th inst.; Paper on the 14th inst. and Ship's Machinery on the 16th inst.—Page 4.

The Anderson Music Co. have a double Advertisement to-day.—Page 4.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 16/10.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day 7.15 p.m.

NOTICE.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

The preliminary draft of the Four Power Agreement is under-
stood to include four clauses, one of which declares that the agree-
ment shall serve as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.
It is also understood that the draft further provides for discussions
or conferences in case any dispute should arise, thus incorporating Pre-
sident Harding's idea of a series of international conferences.

While the Four-Power arrangement is gaining increased sup-
port, other factors are shaping towards definite treaties or "under-
standings." The latest problem prominent in the discussions re-
lates to the fortifications of naval bases on the Pacific. It is
intimated that this subject will be settled by separate treaty or
other international agreement. The actual state of the situation
is closely guarded although conversations are apparently tending
toward following separate agreements: Firstly, a treaty whereby
Great Britain, the United States, Japan and France agree to a
period of discussion before going to war over disputes arising over
the Pacific Islands; secondly, a treaty or agreement relating to the 5-5-3
ratio and cognate questions; thirdly, a joint declaration of prin-
ciples by all nations regarding the future of China; fourthly, a
treaty wherein the United States and Japan would be the prin-
cipals in settling the question of Yap; and fifthly, a Sino-Japanese
agreement relating to Shantung. The Japanese delegation considers
all these elements linked together, consequently Japan's attitude is
likely to be delayed until Japan is ready to make a settlement in-
volving all. A portion of the despatch from Tokio has been re-
ceived, but the delegation is awaiting the receipt of the full text
before indicating its position.

The Times Washington correspondent says there are four
cardinal points in the Quadruple-Power Alliance. The first fixes
the territorial integrity of the region of the Pacific, each Power
being bound not to attack the territory of any other. The second
says that if the vital interests of any Power on the Pacific are
menaced it will be mutually required to consult the other Powers
before taking action. The third is that in case of disagreements
between any of two contracting parties the other two Powers will
be asked to mediate and arbitrate. The fourth, provides the aboli-
tion of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, which ends with exchange
of ratifications for a new treaty. There is nothing in the agree-
ment concerning the reduction of naval armaments or Chinese
problems.

Indo-China Not Concerned.

Paris, Dec. 9.
It is reported from Washington that M. Viviani conferred with
Mr. Balfour, Admiral Kato and Mr. Hughes for two hours regard-
ing the quadruple agreement, the text of which has been despatched
to Paris. This recommends acceptance of the Japanese reply which is
favourable and makes reservations regarding American naval bases.
It is confirmed that the agreement will apply exclusively to the
islands of the Pacific belonging to the Powers concerned. Publica-
tion will be delayed until the Manchurian and other problems have
been solved. The agreement does not apply to Indo-China. The
French delegates are staying beyond December 14th, owing to the
importance of the remaining problems. The quadruple agreement
will be announced to a public session as soon as the American
Government has received the adhesion of all interested, probably
at the beginning of next week. Regulation of naval armaments of
the three great Far Eastern Powers will probably be announced
the same day.

Childish Threats.

London, Dec. 9.
The Times in a leader criticising the attitude of the Chinese
delegation at Washington says that Dr. Wellington Koo has proved
himself very unpracticable. The writer declares that Chinese talk
about the failure of the Conference and Chinese threats of with-
drawal are childish. The first essential for the Chinese people
is the development of a government that can in speak her name.
She shows no sign of being able to create such a government her-
self. The Times correspondent at Washington hints at a plan which
has been mooted whereby eight Powers may undertake the task of
endeavouring to give the Chinese people a real chance.

Tokio Accepts.
The Morning Post correspondent at Washington learns that
Tokio has unconditionally accepted the 5-5-3 ratio.

Chemical Warfare.

The American delegation's advisory committee, in a report
drafted by General Pershing, has advised the complete abandonment
of all forms of chemical warfare. There is reason to believe that
the report does not reflect the views of other high military men who
incline to the belief that chemical warfare should be considered in
the same way as any other weapon.

DEATH OF SIR ARTHUR PEARSON.

London, Dec. 9.
The death, due to an accident, of Sir Arthur Pearson, G.B.E.,
is announced.

Sir Arthur Pearson accidentally slipped whilst in his bath
and struck his head against the tap. He became unconscious,
fell into the water and was drowned.

[Sir Arthur Pearson was President of the National Institute for
the Blind and Fresh Air Fund; Vice-President of the Tariff Reform
League and Vice Chairman of Tariff Commission 1903; Joint Hon.
Secretary of the Collecting Committee National Relief Fund, 1914;
and Chairman of the Blindfolded Soldiers and Sailors Care Committee,
1914. He was born on 24th February, 1865, and founded the business
of C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd. of which he was Chairman at the time
of his death. He was the proprietor of a number of well-known
newspapers until his sight failed him. His only son, Neville Arthur,
succeeded to the title.]

BILLIARDS.

Result of Triangular
Tournament.

The triangular billiards tourna-
ment between the Catholic Union,
the Club Lusitano and the Club
de Recreo concluded last night,
when the final game was played
between representatives of the
Union and the Club Lusitano.
There have been forty games dur-
ing the season, each team com-
prising ten players. The Catho-
lic Union, who beat both the Club
Lusitano and the Club de Recreo,
won the aggregate scores being:
Catholic Union 9,244
Club Lusitano 8,849
Club de Recreo 8,133

Mr. Yvanovich, a former cham-
pion of the Colony, compiled the
highest break (74) during the
tournament.
In last night's games Mr. A. J.
Osmond (250) beat Mr. J. Gar-
diner (175) and Mr. L. A. Rozario
(250) beat Mr. P. A. Rozario (241).
Mr. Osmond ran up a break of
57.

SLUICE GATE AT
LUPAO.

A steel sluice gate has been under
construction at Lupao by the
Kwangtung Board of Conservancy
Works in order to regulate the flow
along the North River. The work
started a year ago and the
foundation has been done satis-
factorily.

The sluice gate, which is about 200
feet in width, is made of steel and
was ordered from Ransome and Rapier
Ltd. of London. The cost of it is
about £10,000. It will be controll-
ed by human power instead of by
electric machines. Mr. Sydney
Bert, a special engineer designated
for the works, has been appointed
by Ransome and Rapier to super-
intend the erection of the gate.

The construction of the dam and
the setting up of the gate will cost
approximately \$400,000. The
work is expected to be completed
in the spring of 1922.—Canton
Times.

A copy of this Prospectus in English and Chinese has been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription list will open on 15th day of November, 1921,
and will close on or before 15th day of December, 1921.

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\$5 per Share on Application. \$5 per Share on Allotment.

It is not proposed to issue the balance of 25,000 shares until it shall appear necessary or advisable
to do so (in the interests of the Company), and for the purpose of the further development of the
Company's undertaking.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK, Gentleman, Caine Road, Hongkong.
W. A. DOWLEY, Exchange and Bullion Broker, Room 6, Post Office Buildings, Hongkong.
M. CHAN HARR, Managing Director, Sincere Company, Limited, Hongkong.
HO JACK LUM, Partner, Kwong Sang Lee, Hongkong.
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AUDITORS:—Percy Smith Seth and Fleming.
REGISTERED OFFICE:—5, Duddell Street.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

Object.—This Company has been formed to purchase as a going concern the business known as
the Humphreys Hide and Leather Works, carried on by the firm of W. G. Humphreys and
Company of No. 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Business.—The business comprises the manufacture of all kinds of Leather and the dealing in
of hides and skins, and of all descriptions of goods and merchandise incidental to the business of such
nature, and is carried on upon extensive, well-built, commodious, and modern premises situated at Ma
Tau Kok, Kowloon, on Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1267 and 640, which contain
Premises at an area of 110,942 square feet, held under a Crown Lease for 75 years with an
Ma Tau Kok option of a further 75 years from the 18th day of December, 1911, subject to a
Crown rent of \$506.00 per annum. These premises are within the Offensive Trade Area as defined by
the Sanitary Authority and a licence has been granted by the Government to carry on the business of
a Tannery in all respects thereon.

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NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of two Lots of Crown Land at Shaukiwan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot 1, Shaukiwan, containing 1.5 acres.	1.5	£100	£1,500
2	Lot 2, Shaukiwan, containing 1.5 acres.	1.5	£100	£1,500

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wanchai Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Lot No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot 1, Wanchai Road, containing 1.5 acres.	1.5	£100	£1,500

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Monday, the 12th Dec., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

- 3 cases Army Blankets
- 10 pieces Navy Union Broadcloth
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- 1 piece Black Union Broadcloth
- 10 kegs Alexite Grains
- 620 packets H. P. Manganese Jointing
- 5 cases Dry Vermillion
- 9 rolls Insulated Paper
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- 20 tins Printing Ink
- 3 rolls Wire Ropes
- 6 dozen Safety Razors
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Tuesday, the 13th Dec., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 10 Godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. Kowloon.

- 38 bales Straw Board (more or less damaged by sea-water)
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

For the late DR. G. P. JORDAN. SUNDAY, December 11th, at 9.30 a.m. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, Pokfulam Road. C. B. SHANN, M.A. T. W. PEARCE, LL.D. N. T. MACKINTOSH, M.A. WONG YAN KWONG. Hongkong University Christian Association.

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XMAS HOLIDAYS. It is proposed to hold the following competitions during the holidays:

- December 24th-27th. Bogey Pool, Men. Old Course.
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- December 27th. p.m. Ladies' and Men's Driving, Approaching and Putting.

L. S. GREENHILL. Hon. Ground Secretary. Hongkong, 8th December, 1921.

LEAGUE OF FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE.

A general Meeting of Members will be held in the City Hall, on Monday, the 12th December, 1921, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of amending the Rules, if thought fit, as follows:—

By amending Rule 2, so as to read as follows:—

2. The objects for which the League is formed are:—

- (i) To promote good fellowship and peace between all Nations.
- (ii) To promote good fellowship within the Colony, irrespective of race, class and creed.
- (iii) To promote matters which shall be of service to the community.

By amending Rule 4, by the addition at the end thereof of the words:—

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and also for the purpose of electing Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, and discussing the future programme of the League.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA & CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD.

ALL MEMBERS of BOTH GUILDS are requested to attend a COMBINED MEETING to be held at the Guilds' Offices, Sailors Home West Point, Hongkong on MONDAY, 12th December 1921, at 5.00 p.m. Sharp.

W. J. STOKES. Branch Secretary M.E.G.C. and for W. E. KIRBY, Secretary C.C.O.G.

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Next Tournament Theatre Royal, Saturday, December 17th, at 9.15 p.m.

Booking at MOUTRIE'S, Wednesday, 14th Members only on production Current Membership Cards.

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THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th December, 1921 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY, the 1st December 1921 until SATURDAY, the 10th December 1921, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 19th November, 1921.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS,
AND SHANGHAI, MANILA.The Steamship
"SHINYO MARU."

The above-named steamer having arrived on Friday, the 9th Dec., 1921, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Friday, the 16th, December. All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Saturday, the 17th, December, at 10 a.m. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Dec., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

The Steamship
"BENDORAN"
From ANTWERP,
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Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 19th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1921.

IF YOU WEAR TORICS.

If you know you have the best. If you do not, you have not yet done the best you can to give your eyes comfort. It is possible to correct the vision of eyes that need glasses without using Toric lenses. It would also be possible to use a motor car without pneumatic tyres, but it would not be as comfortable. If you have failed to find real eye comfort, try a pair of Torics, their deep inner curve conforms to the natural motions of your eye. Toric lenses of any prescriptions are manufactured by the Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians, located in 53, Queen's Road Central.

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LOAD-LINE REGULATIONS.

Japan's Code.

The desirability of ensuring the safety of ships at sea by the enforcement of load-line regulations has not yet made an appeal to all maritime nations. For ships flying the British flag laws in this connection have long been in force, and the whole subject was again reviewed in the light of modern experience in the report of the Load-Line Committee which was issued in 1911. The other countries where such regulations have been imposed are France, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Germany. Nothing has yet been done by the United States, and it is only now that Japan is falling into line. It need hardly be said that the subject is one of the greatest importance, and that load-line regulations should be obligatory on the shipping of all nations. That the United States should have failed to associate with her great maritime aspirations the legislation necessary under this head has, it need hardly be said, occasioned a great deal of surprise. It would be incorrect to say that nothing had been done in the United States, as a bill which would have enabled load-line regulations to be enforced was brought before the Senate last spring. No progress, however, was made with this measure, which was, indeed, denounced in some quarters as an attempt to unduly penalise U.S. shipping, and it is believed that the bill will be indefinitely shelved, at least for the present.

Our ally Japan is, therefore, to be congratulated on the action taken in passing the law, a translation of which appears in today's issue, and on having decided in putting this law into force within the next few weeks. The delay which has taken place since the law was passed in March last has arisen from the desire to effect a reciprocal arrangement with Great Britain by which the load-line regulations for British shipping will be accepted in Japanese ports and Japanese regulations accepted by the British authorities. The situation at the moment is that the rules and regulations proposed by Japan are being considered by the Marine Department of the Board of Trade, and it is on their report that the reciprocal arrangement will be based. It is not anticipated that any difficulty will arise, as it is known that the Japanese rules have been carefully modelled on the recommendations of the Load-Line Committee, and will therefore be in consonance with our ideas on the subject. The Japanese law provides, of course, that load-line certificates issued by approved classification societies—the list would include Lloyd's Register, the British Corporation, and the Bureau Veritas—will be regarded as equivalent to those issued under the Japanese law, and approved load-line laws of other countries will be accepted as meeting the requirements of Japanese legislation. The same rights are naturally being claimed for Japanese ships, and it is this point which is being investigated by the Board of Trade in the light of the draft rules and regulations which have been submitted. The majority of Japanese merchant ships have until now had certificates of Lloyd's Register, or of the other societies named, but when the new law comes into force the Japanese rules will take precedence. It is difficult to see how, in face of what will shortly be an accomplished fact in connection with Japanese shipping, the Government of the United States continue to refrain from definite action in connection with load-line laws.

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DUKE SELLS HIS OLD
MASTERS.150,000 Guineas Paid
For "Blue Boy."

It has been affirmed and denied from time to time recently that the Duke of Westminster had sold two of the world's greatest masterpieces to an American buyer.

On the 18th ult. the true facts became known. For the sum of £200,000 Sir Joseph Duveen has become possessor of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" and Reynolds's "Mrs. Siddons as the Tragic Muse."

This is by far the biggest deal of recent years, and it creates a high record in high prices. It is understood that the amount paid for each picture was—
"Blue Boy" £137,500
"The Tragic Muse" £125,000
So far as is known, the 150,000 guineas given for "Blue Boy" is the largest sum that has ever been paid for a picture. The record was previously held by Raphael's "Madonna," bought by Mr. P. A. Widener, the "Electric King" of Philadelphia, for a sum said to be between £100,000 and £140,000.

TO BE EXHIBITED IN LONDON.
Sir Joseph Duveen, when seen by a *Daily Chronicle* representative, stated that he intends to exhibit the pictures in London for three weeks, and in Paris for three weeks.

"I am anxious that the pictures shall not go out of the country," he said, "I hope to be able to sell them in England."

Duveen Brothers are famous for their mammoth deals in Old Masters. It was through them that Mr. Widener acquired the "Madonna," and they have many other huge transactions to their credit, but their latest purchase is the most important in the history of the firm, and by carrying it through successfully Sir Joseph Duveen has achieved the ambition of a lifetime.

HOW PRICES HAVE RISEN.
"About 20 years ago my father offered £50,000 for Gainsborough's picture, and ten years ago I made an offer of £100,000," he said. "Naturally, I am delighted that the purchase has now been completed. It is one of the most famous things that have gone through our hands."

There is an interesting story on record of the origin of the

"Blue Boy" portrait. It is believed that it was painted by Gainsborough to confuse a contention of Sir Joshua Reynolds that the dominant colour in a picture should be yellow or red.

"At the present time the picture is thick with varnish, coats of which have been put on periodically during the last 100 years," said Sir Joseph Duveen. "The effect has been to turn the blue in the painting green, and, consequently, nobody of the present generation has seen the picture in the same condition as when it was originally painted."

WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS PICTURE.
"It is my intention to clean the picture so that the original blue colour will be restored."

"I do not think there is any doubt that the picture is the most famous in the world and in my opinion it is the most beautiful." For some time past rumour has been busy concerning the fate of the two pictures. In July 1919 "The Tragic Muse" was offered for sale at Christie's by the Duke of Westminster, but on that occasion the last open bid against the reserve price of £50,000 was 50,000 guineas, and the portrait was withdrawn.

Presumably the reason why Sir Joseph Duveen has now acquired the picture comparatively cheap is in consideration of the high price paid for "Blue Boy."

Both the pictures are now hanging in Grosvenor House, the Duke of Westminster's town residence, but they will be delivered to Sir Joseph Duveen almost immediately.

As soon as they have been cleaned they will be exhibited at the offices of Duveen Bros., in Grainger Street, W.

"THE TRAGIC MUSE."
"Blue Boy" is a full-length portrait, painted during Gainsborough's stay in Bath, probably about 1770. The subject was Master Johnathan Buttall, the son of a wealthy ironmonger in business in Soho.

After being exhibited at the Royal Academy it came into the possession of George, Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV. Later it was sold by Hoppner to Earl Grosvenor, and since then it has been at Grosvenor House, except for periods when it has been on loan.

Reynolds's portrait of "Mrs. Siddons as the Tragic Muse" was painted about 1783, and is held by many to be his greatest portrait. It has been the subject of many

CAN AEROPLANES BE
MADE INVISIBLE?Scientists Claim to
Have a New Discovery.

Mr. Ernest Welsh, of North Ferriby, near Hull, claims to have discovered a metal with the transparent properties of glass, by which aeroplanes can be rendered invisible.

Mr. Welsh is a man of inventive ideas. During the war he experimented with a rocket-like apparatus to bring down Zeppelins. Submarine signals and silent guns have received his attention, and he has placed on the market a device for the improved lighting for ships and a system for gasping rats.

Scepticism is expressed by London scientists upon the reported claim by Mr. Welsh.

Dr. Rosenheim, of the National Physical Laboratory, a well-known authority on glass and steel, remarked that it was not possible to make any metal transparent, nor had great success been achieved in making glass strong enough to resist fracture.

LIGHT THROUGH GOLD.

Mr. Shaw Scott, of the Institute of Metals, said the essential of a metal was its opaque character. "The only method in which any metal has been made at all transparent has been by beating," he said.

"We have pieces of metal at the Institute, notably gold, beaten out to such ultra-microscopic thinness that it shows a certain amount of translucency, a greenish light being able to pass through it."

"This was only an experiment into the ductility of the metal," he added. "It is possible to get silver and aluminium down to this fineness, but it is of no special constructive use."

Mr. Welsh has, apparently, not submitted his invention to the research department of the Air Ministry.

An official of the Department said that certain forms of camouflage and the use of highly polished aluminium were very successful in making an aeroplane invisible.

controversies, as there is another picture almost identical in the Dulwich Gallery. The generally accepted view of experts is that both portraits were the work of Sir Joshua.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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KOWLOON AND WASHINGTON.

In connection with the question of returning to China the territories which she has at various times leased to foreigners the position of Kowloon and the New Territories has been raised at the Washington Conference, and there are doubtless many wondering what is to be the outcome of it all. Judging by the speech made by Dr. Wellington Koo this statesman is of opinion that Kowloon should be restored to China, for he stated that there were other ways of safeguarding Hongkong's harbour than by a retention of the territory. Mr. Balfour had previously pointed out the enormous value of Hongkong from the standpoint of international trade and had contended that to make Hongkong safe it was essential that those controlling the Port should also control that part of the mainland now under their governance. That is an argument of undoubted strength and appeal, but we here in Hongkong have other arguments of an equally cogent nature.

Let us suppose for a moment that Kowloon and the New Territories (we mean the portions leased to us) are to be given back to China. What must follow? In the first place there would have to be a fairly heavy sum for compensation. Our local Government has spent millions of dollars in making roads, in building a railway (the most expensive railway in the world for its length) and in opening up and governing the country. And the amount spent by private individuals would indeed be hard to assess, for there is no comparison between the value of the territory now to its value when taken over by the British in 1898. Who is to pay that compensation? Would Peking pay it seeing that at present it has no active jurisdiction over this part of China? Canton does not recognise the Washington Conference or any of its decisions. And what would China gain by taking over the territory? She has no big town near it and it is obviously an overgrowth of Hongkong. We on this island need it for many purposes—for our housing, our vegetables, our recreation, and the list could be made almost indefinite. China's sovereign integrity is not in the least affected by the fact that those who govern Hongkong also govern a strip of land across the harbour. Strictly speaking, it might be argued that we have no right to Hongkong—except the right of conquest which is something of a back number in these days of self-determination and plebiscites—but Hongkong's maintenance as a first-class port is essential to the trade and commerce of the Far East as it affects every nationality. To remove its present administration would be a tremendous loss, and the same remark applies with almost equal force to the New Territories.

We shall all be awaiting with interest the outcome of the Conference, though our own opinion is that the British representatives will plead strongly for the retention of the territory held here no matter whether we give up Wei-hai-wei or not. British endeavour and enterprise has been associated too long with Kowloon for that place to be lightly given up—not because we wish to retain anything which belongs to others but because this Colony and its little bit of mainland are well-nigh inseparable and because the whole of it has a greater value than applies to ourselves alone.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

"Old Hsu's" Humour.

According to a Chinese newspaper, President Hsu Shih-chang is very unhappy over the present political situation, and is sending out a telegram urging the people to repent and reform and to call a regular Parliament. Surely "Old Hsu" as some Chinese irreverently dub the head of the Peking Administration, is developing unconscious humour with advancing years. All this time, he virtually states, it has been the wickedness of the nation, an antipathy to having their lot bettered, and their neglect of Parliamentary institutions that have been the cause of China's internal discord. It has generally been supposed that it was the authorities who were guilty of these errors. When one looks around upon the enterprise of China's merchants and the diligence and frugality of her workers, it is difficult to believe that the dictum concerning a nation getting the Government it deserves is applicable to the republic.

The War Lords.

Further news concerning the Peking conference is to the effect that, on the motion of General (or Marshal, we fancy he is now) Wu Pui-fu, it was resolved that the leaders in the provinces should render financial assistance to the embarrassed "Central Government" in warding off invasion from the South. Both Chang Tso-lin, or his representatives, and Tso K'un are stated to have agreed. Thus far the position is tolerably intelligible. What renders it perplexing is that the combination formed at Peking is reported to design the overthrow not only of Dr. Sun but of the Northern Government. Apparently the War Lords are sufficiently alive to the importance of the Washington Conference to bolster up the Peking Administration for a little while longer. And what then?

Peking Patchwork.

Meanwhile the Peking Administration appears to have patched itself together after being in danger of dissolution from within through so many of its members threatening resignation. The heads of the departments of Education, Justice, War, and of the Navy had tendered or prepared their notices, but all except the first have been prevailed upon to continue their duties on the assurance that funds will be provided in future. Mr. Ma Lin-yi, the Minister of Education, holds out for "proper financial arrangements." The experience of a year ago and the difficulties in the spring have evidently made him chary of anything short of some tangible provision for the future as well as the present.

The Chinese Banks.

An agreeable variant from the general tale of disintegration is supplied by the Chinese banks. So far as can be ascertained from the stream of reports, the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications have weathered the storm quite creditably. Apparently a Singapore branch suspended payment, perhaps chiefly due to a local insufficiency of funds at the moment, but the news from most quarters, if dependable, is reassuring. The accounts of the Tientsin office of the Bank of China have been audited by a British firm of accountants, and so far as can be judged from a brief examination, make an excellent showing. It seems, too, that the Chinese banks in general have displayed such solidarity that the Bank of China has been able to pull through without accepting Chang Tso-lin's \$3,000,000 with the ominous condition of control of the note-issue said to have been attached to the proffered aid. Fancy the "uncrowned king of Manchuria" being turned down like this, and after he had sent the hard cash to the capital. If this account of things is correct, the consortium of the Chinese banks is to be congratulated upon its progress.

ANTHEM TO BE SUNG YEARLY AT GRAVE.

Mr. Thomas Davies, of Quarry Clyde, Pembroke, who left \$100 to the Calvinistic Methodist Church at Fongarreg Cornarth, directed that the choir of the chapel shall on each Whit Sunday sing an anthem at the graves of himself and wife.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NOT JOY NOR REPOSE WHICH IS THE AIM OF LIFE. IT IS WORK, OR THERE IS NO AIM AT ALL.—Auerbach.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Teiji Taubokami to act as Consul for Japan at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

In the Government Gazette is published an Order in Council of His Majesty in Council making the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920 apply in Hongkong and other Crown Colonies.

Two Chinese, charged with being in possession of opium following their arrest at the Great Eastern Hotel, were this morning fined \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively. The alternative sentences were four months and eight months.

H.E. the Governor has appointed under section 19 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, Police Inspector Edwin John Cotton to be a Sanitary Inspector for Stanley, with effect from the 28th November, 1921.

In to-day's Government Gazette it is proclaimed by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that Shanghai is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails. This proclamation has been necessary on account of the small-pox epidemic and all boats arriving here from that port must go into quarantine.

The feature attraction at the Kowloon Theatre to-morrow evening is "The Woman and the Law," an impressive seven-part picture based on the successful play so popular in Britain and America. "The Woman and the Law" will be shown for two nights only with the usual matinee on Sunday afternoon. The cinema dances, now an established feature at this popular place of amusement, will take place as usual with the exception, of course, of the Sunday performance.

BANK RETURNS.

No. S. 435.—Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th November, 1921, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Specie in Amount.	Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, \$3,777,415	\$5,000,000	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$40,913,366	27,950,000	
Merchants' Bank of India, Limited, \$1,242,935	550,000	
Total.....	\$45,933,716	33,500,000

*Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £570,000.

*Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,500,000.

*Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

A concert which has been specially arranged by Madame Lottie Gordon for the Xmas Gift Fund for the Blind Home, Pokfulam Home, and Home for the Aged, Kowloon, takes place on Thursday afternoon next, at 5.30. The concert is to be attended by Lady Stubbs, and a splendid programme has been arranged. Among the artists is Miss Dorothy Stobart, of London, who is the possessor of a beautiful dramatic soprano voice and has studied under the greatest masters in Italy, London and Paris. She will give selections from grand opera. Mrs. Duncan, whose great success in "Pinky and the Fairies" will be remembered here, Mrs. W. W. Pearce, mezzo soprano and a new singer to Hongkong, Madame Lottie Gordon, solo pianist and accompanist, Mrs. A. O. Brown, operatic contralto, Mr. Cameron, contralto, Miss Nellie Williams, mezzo contralto, Mr. Beauchamp, the French violinist, Mr. Crow, tenor, Mr. Muehlman, baritone, Mr. J. Gibbins, baritone, and Mr. Wilcox, humorist, will also take part. The booking will open at Montie's on Wednesday morning at 9.00.

PASSIM PAPERS.

Rambling Thoughts on Current Matters.

The San Francisco business delegation has come and gone; and it is to be hoped that the members of it will carry back to California more accurate information concerning trade possibilities in the Far East than seems to be available there at present. Somehow I doubt it. Luncheons and teas and (of course) speeches do not afford visitors very clear ideas regarding the trade possibilities of a country. I was talking to a business man only this week and he rather opened my eyes. "The Americans," he said, "are still new to the export trade and have a lot more to learn than they think. They are all for system and system makes them send circular letters here which might have some interest for Chicago merchant but which have none for merchants here. In the past they have sent representatives who did not compare, either in presence or in energy, with British representatives. They took a room in some hotel, advertised that they were displaying samples, and expected local importers to rush after them. British representatives hustle around for orders. However, American manufacturers are sending better-class men nowadays. But they will persist in quoting 'free on board,' even 'free on wharf.' That's no use at all; we want to know the cost of goods delivered here. And they send us letters that are quite comic. I know one local firm that holds an agency for motor cars and it was advised that big business was expected because it had the sole agency for the 'large territory' of Kwangtung and Kwangsi!" He said a deal more but that seems a good note to let him end on.

Australians Also Offenders.

It will be good if these delegates, then, can carry back the information that motor cars cannot be driven all over China and that (to mention only one thing more) the peasant class in China does not largely live on expensive tinned meats. It will be good, again, if they urge American manufacturers that good packing is appreciated out here. The same applies to Australia. I know one man who spent part of his leave and some of his money putting Australian manufacturers in touch with importers in British Malaya. One firm of meat-canners had a couple of surprisingly big orders and were hugely delighted. They had no more. "Pork sausages" were labelled "roast mutton" and "corned tongue" was labelled "dripping," and Chinese shopkeepers were not having much of that kind of thing. One Singapore firm wanted a huge quantity of cement, with a second order to follow, but it had to be executed in casks. Our friend, who had returned from leave, wired to an Australian firm and had a reply stating that the order would be executed in bags. He wired:—"Bags useless; must be casks." And this was the reply:—"Will execute bags; trust your selling ability." The order was lost. And if that man lives to be a hundred he will never again try to do a friendly turn of that kind.

What the "Heid Yin" Says.

Now we know! The Colonial Secretary has made it as clear as daylight. A man sits down to write a letter to the editor and signs it with a pen-name. That proves that he is a liar. But a minute later he decides that, after all, he will sign his own name and he becomes immediately an honest and a truthful person; and his allegations automatically become acceptable. It is not what he says in his letter, it is the signature to it that proves him truthful or untruthful. If that is not what the Colonial Secretary says, then I do not know what the Colonial Secretary says and as many as five people out of five to whom I have spoken this morning, confess to being similarly puzzled by the Colonial Secretary's reply. One calls it "a horrible get-out," and the phrase seems a good one. Still, I remember a pawky old Scot who once told me that "when a heid yin says a thing that doesn't seem right, keep in mind that what a heid yin says goes—ad wink to yourself!"

All the Same!

Still, "heid yin" or no, where does the reply to the question regarding alleged sub-

letting is not permitted and that there is no "reason to believe" that any cases have occurred. "Reason to believe" was hanged! He ought to know. In the public interest a question is put to discover whether certain charges are true and a heading answer is given; that affords "reason to suspect" that cases have occurred. Then: "The fact that the writer of the letter to which the honourable member refers has made his accusations against the probity of Government officers under the shelter of anonymity instead of signing his name like an honest man, seems to afford sufficient evidence that he knows them to be untrue." It does not afford any evidence of the kind, let alone sufficient evidence, and no one knows that better than does the Colonial Secretary. Why this dust throwing? It raises a strong suspicion that "Brown Sugar's" charges were true—and they were not petty charges; they were not charges to be refuted by an answer that is no answer at all. I shall be surprised if this matter is allowed to drop.

"He Very Angry."

I had a call to make on a person of some consequence the other morning and, on arrival, handed my card to the office-boy. A bright youth he proved to be. He shook his head and said "no." One explained to him that he was required to present the card and he smiled in a friendly way. "No," he said again, and then confidentially, "he very angry." As it turned out, one emerged later without having his nose bitten off, but the office-boy's intention was a kindly one just the same. There are possibilities in that lad. There are also possibilities in the idea of giving out that you are angry and so having an alert office-boy choke

off half of your inconvenient callers. And if ever (when, and if, I grow up) I become a boss—but that's only a dream. I have known grown-up people who were not bosses and bosses who had never grown up and were never likely to. Who wants to grow up anyhow? Why, the average grown-up who knows that he is really grown-up keeps on shouting the fact from the housetops and making as much noise as a town-crier though to much less useful purpose. I prefer to be like Mary Maclean; and Mary was just like other people.

NEW CINEMA.

A Palatial Building Projected.

Tenants of the Old Post Office and Supreme Court buildings have been given notice to quit on the 13th instant by the new owners. We understand that Mr. So Chung-shun, who in conjunction with two associates bought two of the plots, plans to erect a modern cinema and theatre on the site facing Queen's Road at present occupied by the Hongkong Theatre.

The plans for the new theatre have been prepared already by the architect. The land taken up will be that at present occupied by Ah Fong's Studio and the Hongkong Cinema. The frontage will be on Queen's Road, and we were informed that no expense will be spared in making the new building palatial, in keeping with the fine buildings of the business quarter. The capacity of the new cinema will be exceptionally large, the plans providing for the accommodation of an audience of 2,000.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

No, as I said to Joe on the road down to the Ferry, I'm for no more solid stuff this week. Dante, Ireland and Christian Science, and now you want something on the Washington Conference. Nothing doing. I've got to have a chance to enjoy myself some time. There's nothing in my agreement about getting paid according to the density of the matter supplied. You'd think I was coming out as a leader writer to hear some folk speak.

All this after sitting in Wiseman's for the best part of an hour and hearing a friend of Joe's discourse learnedly and at considerable length on Egypt. And no about the tombs, either mind ye. No, it wasn't as interesting as that. But that would have been nothing, if it hadn't been my turn to sign the chit.

So I'm going to have a holiday to-night, I'm going to write about nothing if need be, so long as I haven't to do my own thinking. Joe, he's all right but inclined to be a bit headachy at times, him having a kind of weak stomach and a terrible sense of responsibility. Maskee, says I, going back to the office to-night; you'll get your bonus at the year's end just the same. But I may as well have spoken to the Indian policeman for all the notice he took. So I left him.

Going on the Ferry I minded about a pumelo I'd left in the ticket office three days before so I collected it on my way. It was a fine big pumelo, one of the bright yellow kind and perfectly round. I got it from one of our Taipio pioneers. Out specially for me, I say cut, but to tell the honest truth I don't know whether pumeloes grow on trees or lie on the ground. It tasted fine anyway, but that wasn't what I was going to tell ye.

Traipsing on to the boat wharf I under my oxtail I got more looks than bawbees. Isn't it curious how some folk seem to think it's no' the thing to see a man carrying a parcel and especially if it's something to eat? I fancy that's the way Europeans don't use our markets as they should. Even our women-folks seem to think it's beneath their dignity to carry chow home, or anything else for that matter. Ay, you'll sometimes hear a lady ask to have a small bit of a parcel sent over by coolie express but the same woman isn't a bit ashamed or over-fatigued to lug around a big bag o' golf clubs. But that's doggie, especially if she's got an outside pocket in her skirt where she can stick her hand and stride along like a man. Of course, if she can walk, talk and smoke at the same time she

lout ensemble is naturally complete.

Well, as I was saying, I hadn't brought myself to an anchor on yon ferry when MacPherson he materialised from somewhere and leached on. He thought it was a yellow ball I was taking home to the wee yin and didn't seem quite pleased to know it was something for eating after all. I think he was vexed he ever came near me. Come to think of it, there's nothing very dignified in knowing a man who is so far left to himself as to carry a pumelo around a naked one at that. I even offered him a bit but he didn't seem in anyway keen but kept yammering away about toys instead. Ay, Mac, when he has ideas at all, eye manages to pick on some queer ones. Childhood would become a dull time of life if some folks had their way. But you'll have noticed that it's eye them that never had bairns of their own that eye think they know most about what's good for them. Truly "auld maids bairns are aye the best."

Last night Mac lammed off good and proper on the subject of kid's toys. The kind they ought to get should be those that would do them the most good in after years. I let him rave on for I was tired and he had to be saying something anyway. Coloured balls, trumpets, nursery rhymes, drums and the like were just a fair waste of money and didn't last a bang. Isn't it funny how some folks get the idea into their heads that our toys and presents must be something serviceable. That sort of thing, eye brings me in mind of the man who when furnishing house bought a nice big piano and gave it to his wife for her Christmas. Lot's of folks, kid themselves they get gifts that way. It's on a par wi' Santa Claus putting a pair o' boots in a boy's stocking.

But to come back to Mac. He would have the little ones getting the instructive kind o' toys and books inflicted on them. He'd like them to be sitting for their Board of Trade Certificate instead of enjoying themselves. And he's no' a lone type is Mac, mind I'm telling ye.

Isn't it terrible when ye come to think of it. Childhood's too short and joyous season of make-believe would sometimes fa' be invaded by those solemn and unenviable folks who will admit no place in the scheme of things for a little innocent nonsense, who would point out how impossible it is for a cow to jump over the moon and who would condemn even wonderful Alice herself to eternal silence.

Mac, if I'd a disposition like that, I'd sooner be dead.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Nanking's Record Passenger List.

The Nanking is due to leave on Monday at noon with a record passenger list. The first-class passengers booked to date number 120. Amongst these are:—

Mr. S. A. Strowbridge, attorney-at-law, Portland, Oregon, who has been on a visit to the Far East. Mr. Strowbridge is leaving the vessel at Yokohama, and will later proceed to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leonard who are returning to Shanghai where Mr. Leonard is associated with the U. S. Rubber Export Co. Mr. and Mrs. Cox from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Swart and Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Vest.

Changes.

Captain L. McC. Hussey has gone master of the Loongwang in place of Captain Lambie.

Captain P. Jowitt has gone master of the Mingsang in place of Captain Cumming.

Shanghai An Infected Port.

The "Government Gazette" announcement that Shanghai had been declared an infected port proved an interesting topic this morning amongst masters of vessels who touch there. They had expected the declaration to be made, however, and were not astonished.

Cargo.

The Shinyo Maru brought 1,300 tons of cargo to Hongkong, mainly old newspapers, broken glass, fresh fruits and canned goods of all kinds.

Not for Shanghai.

The Nile will not call at Shanghai this trip but will leave on December 17 for Singapore and Batavia only.

Again In Evidence.

There was no difficulty about securing a motor boat at Blake Pier this morning. The harbour was quieter than it had been for a day or two past, and the men with the alluring forefinger who tout for passengers were again in evidence. On Thursday when the harbour was crowded launches were hardly to be had.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in communication with the port this forenoon:—City of Glasgow, Harunasan Maru, Hakone Maru, Oldekerk, Eastern, Takada, Java Maru, Akera, Korea Maru, Tjisalak, Tieresia, Eurymedon.

It is announced that a new regulation has been made by the Governor, in Council under section 11 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, this being that the fees payable to the examiners in respect of the final examination shall be one hundred dollars for each examiner. Such fees shall be paid to the Registrar not less than 14 days before the first day fixed for examination.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The demolition of St. Olave's, Tooley-street (though the tower is to remain), will leave London with only one out of the four churches originally dedicated to the Christian Norseman who delivered London from the Danes, writes a London critic. St. Olave's in Old Jewry, St. Olave's in Silver-street preceded the present passing of St. Olave's in Tooley-street, so that there alone remains St. Olave's in Hart-street, which was Peppys's parish church, through it has recently been discovered that the immortal diarist was appropriately born in the parish and christened in the church of St. Bride's Fleet-street.

How old is the art of embroidery? Probably some centuries older than the Christian era, according to Mr. A. F. Kendrick, who, as keeper of the department of textiles at the Victoria and Albert Museum, is an admitted authority. He discusses this question, as well as the ancient and modern history of the art in general, in "A Book of Old Embroidery," just published. The numerous reproductions of famous pieces, many of them in colour, make the book of special interest and value to all who study this very ancient and widespread art.

You can't afford to be without a VICTROLA this Christmas.
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

A Glance at Our Files.

(Dec. 12—18, 1896.)

The retaining wall below the Military Hospital in Kowloon is nearing completion and the neat appearance of the War Department property will be much increased thereby. If only steps were taken to do away with the hideous matted and replace them with substantial barracks, the place would appear worthy of the British Government.

NASTY!

On Monday there will be a meeting of the local mock Parliament, at which the Honourable the Acting Attorney-General will move the third reading of the Bill intitled "An Ordinance to appropriate a sum equivalent to seventeen and a half per centum of the Colonial Revenues as a contribution for the Defence of the Colony." That the Bill will be passed, owing to the Official Phalanx swamping the representatives of the ratepayers—the unfortunates who have to find the wherewithal to keep the Governor and all the Downing Street proteges going—is a foregone conclusion.

A TIGER FIGHT.

In the course of a performance in Harmsen's Circus at Rangoon, on the 20th. ult., a serious accident happened. Strife, the tamer, on entering the tiger's cage, stumbled, but picked himself up. The tiger was on him at once, and clawed him before the assistants could drive it back. The application of a red hot iron to the brute's mouth forced it to release Strife. The tiger, however, made another attack and knocked him down, but was driven off again. A negro then entered and succeeded in taking the tamer outside. The tamer was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he had received claw marks as well as a deep gash in the neck and a gaping gash on the right jaw.

NOW CANTON'S PRESIDENT.

The *Central News* says it is not true that the Government has decided to prosecute Sir Halliday Macartney, the English Secretary of the Chinese Legation in London, for his share in the kidnapping of Sun Yat-sen last month. It is quite true that the Hon. R. Cuff, Solicitor to the Treasury, has been collecting evidence in the case, and that he has examined a number of gentlemen who are in a position to give information, among them Sun Yat-sen himself, but this has been done with a view to place on record the whole of the facts for use in the very probable event of questions being put to the Government on the re-assembling of Parliament. Broadly speaking, the *Central News* adds, the Queen's writ does not run in a foreign Embassy or Legation, for members of which, provided their names be registered in the archives of the Foreign Office, are free from arrest or proceedings in British Courts. This immunity is expressly conceded by the Act Anne 7, cap. 12, and such matters have been invariably regulated by that Statute.

WELL TOLD!

Licensed gharri driver No. 3 figured at the Magistracy today, charged with having sent a wheel of his vehicle over the toes of a coolie and spoiling their symmetry. It appears that the Celestial son of Nimbhi was having a nap on his box when the accident occurred and he was fined \$10. As a solatium for the damage done, he had to pay the coolie \$7, and the recipient's face indicated that he could stand a lot of the same trouble at \$7 a time.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The situation in the Philippines appears to be getting decidedly "breezy". The rebels evidently have been able to hold their ground pretty well, for consignment after consignment of troops is being poured into the Islands. Spanish warships have been sent out from Europe to strengthen the fleet in the Archipelago, and a new general, who is reputed to be a regular "fire-eater," has replaced General Blanco, as supreme ruler of the dependency. The rebels are said to be rapidly gaining strength, and encouraged by slight successes, are getting bolder and more aggressive every day.

THEN AND NOW.

A meeting will be held in the Tung Wah Hospital on Sunday (20th. instant) at noon to settle the question of appointing a Chinese trained in Western medical science to reside in the Hospital as House Surgeon, in

accordance with the wishes of the Governor. Last Sunday the Directors met to decide this matter, but said they could not do so because the Kaifong was not represented. It is probable that should the Kaifong people fail to turn up on Sunday the appointment will be made without further reference to them.

AN OIL BURNING TUG.

Messrs. W. B. Bailey & Co. Ltd., Kowloon Bay, have completed for the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co. Singapore, an oil burning tug boat. The new vessel, Dragon, is of steel and of the sea going type with crew accommodation forward and officers' rooms under bridge amidships. The engines are compound surface condensing of 200 horse-power supplied by steam from a marine type boiler fitted with the Smith Meyer system of oil burning, and the vessel on her trials in Kowloon Bay attained an average speed of over 10 knots, maintaining the full steam pressure of 130 lbs. with engines fully opened up and working perfectly, the oil burning giving no trouble whatever.

"FOREIGN MAN CHOW TOO MUCH"

say the Chinese. If you are troubled with flatulence, a sense of overfulness and drowsiness after eating, just take one Pinkette after the principal meal daily for a few days and see how efficiently they remedy this condition.

Pinkettes are a specific for constipation, disordered liver, biliousness, sick headaches, coated tongue, foul breath, pimples and blotched skin. They are tiny but thorough, set as gently as nature. Of chemists everywhere, also post free at 50 cents the vial from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96, Seabuen Road, Shanghai.

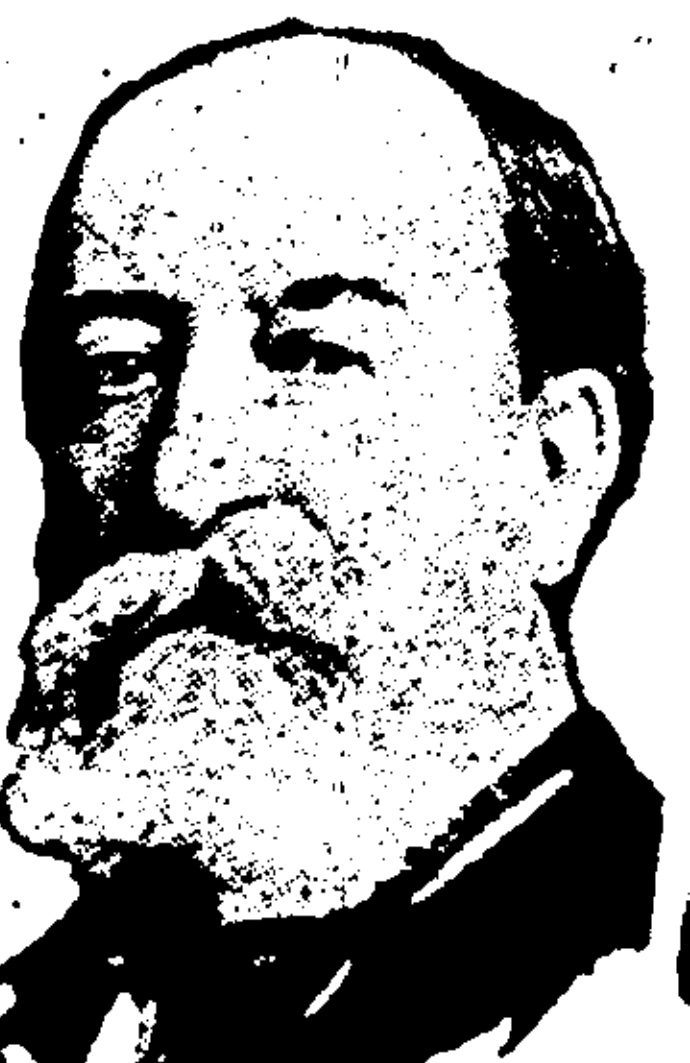
ARE DOCTORS SCARCE IN EAST-IND?

It seems difficult to get a doctor at any time in the East-end, especially at night, said the coroner at an inquest at London Hospital.

THE "BETTER" HALF.

"She is the boss, sir," said a husband in Cleeve County Court, when asked by the judge if he hadn't the courage to stand up to his wife.

NOTABLE COMPOSERS.



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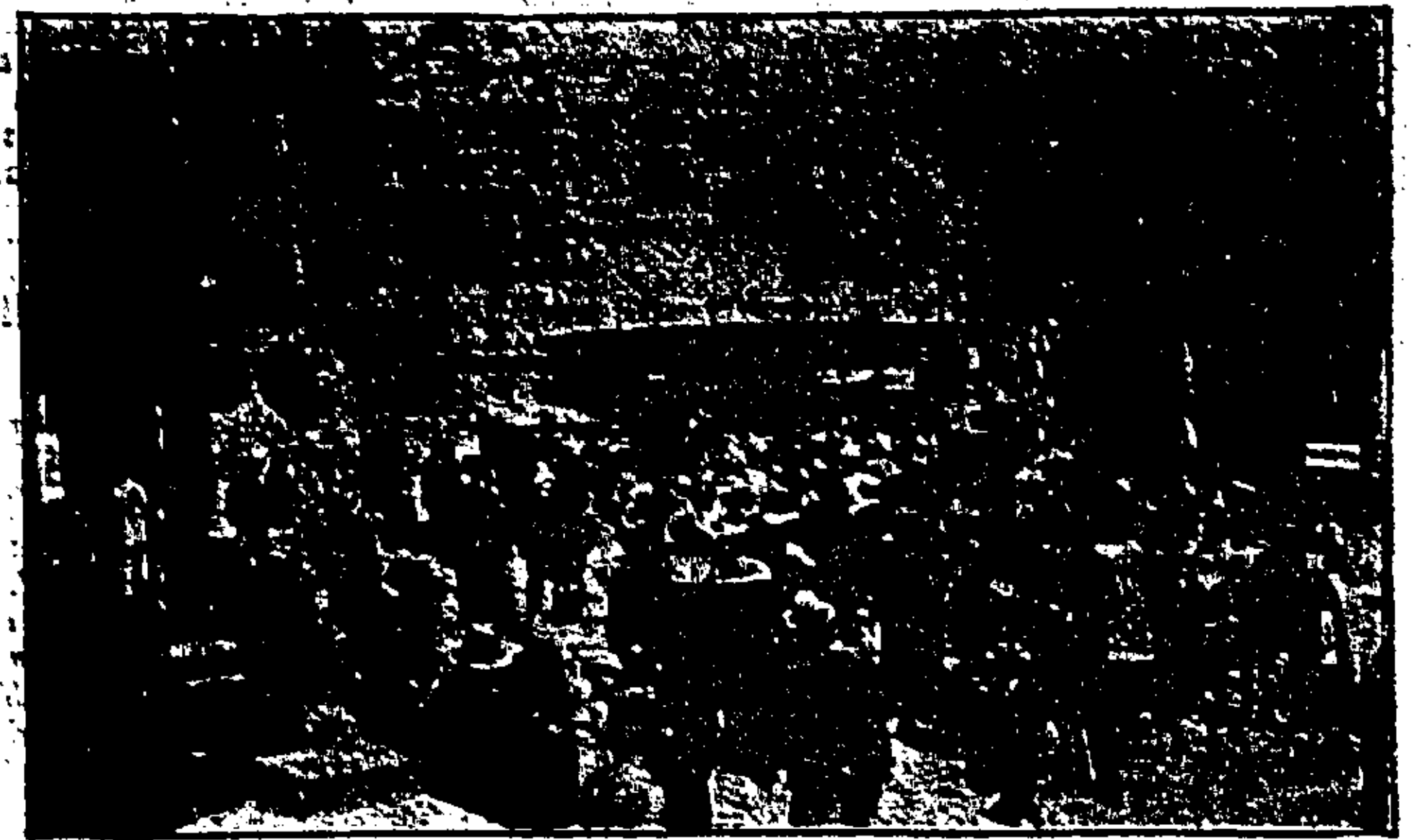


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Scene at the Al Fregio Fete last Sunday.



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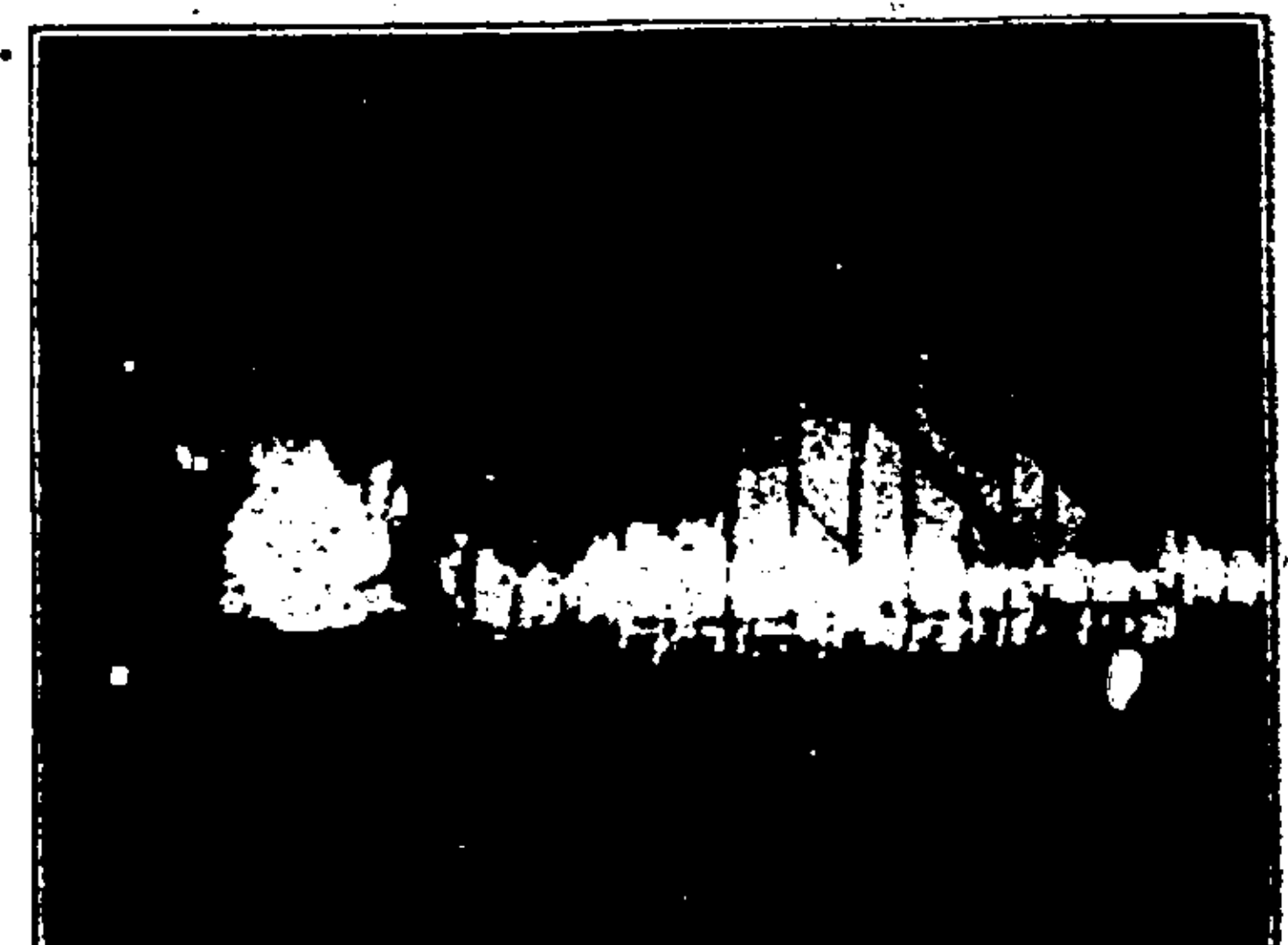


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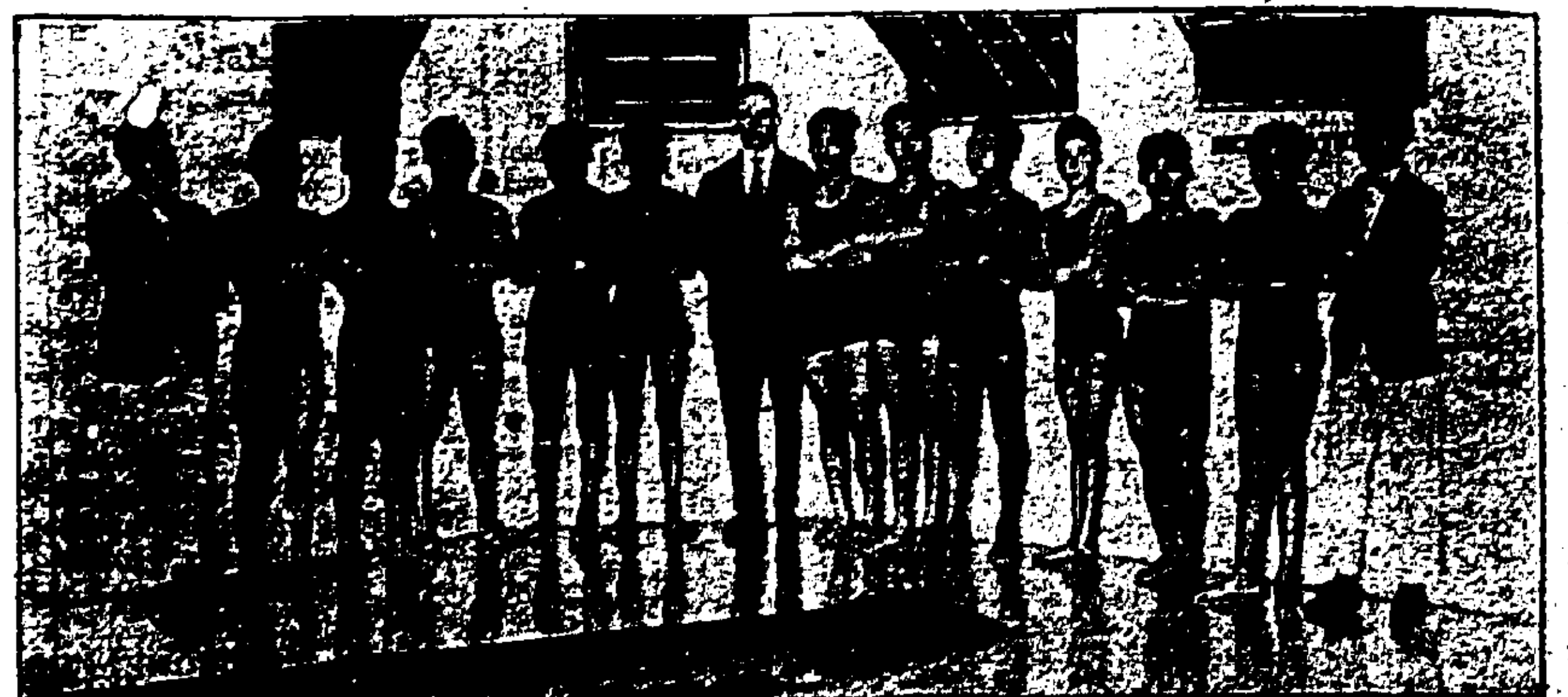


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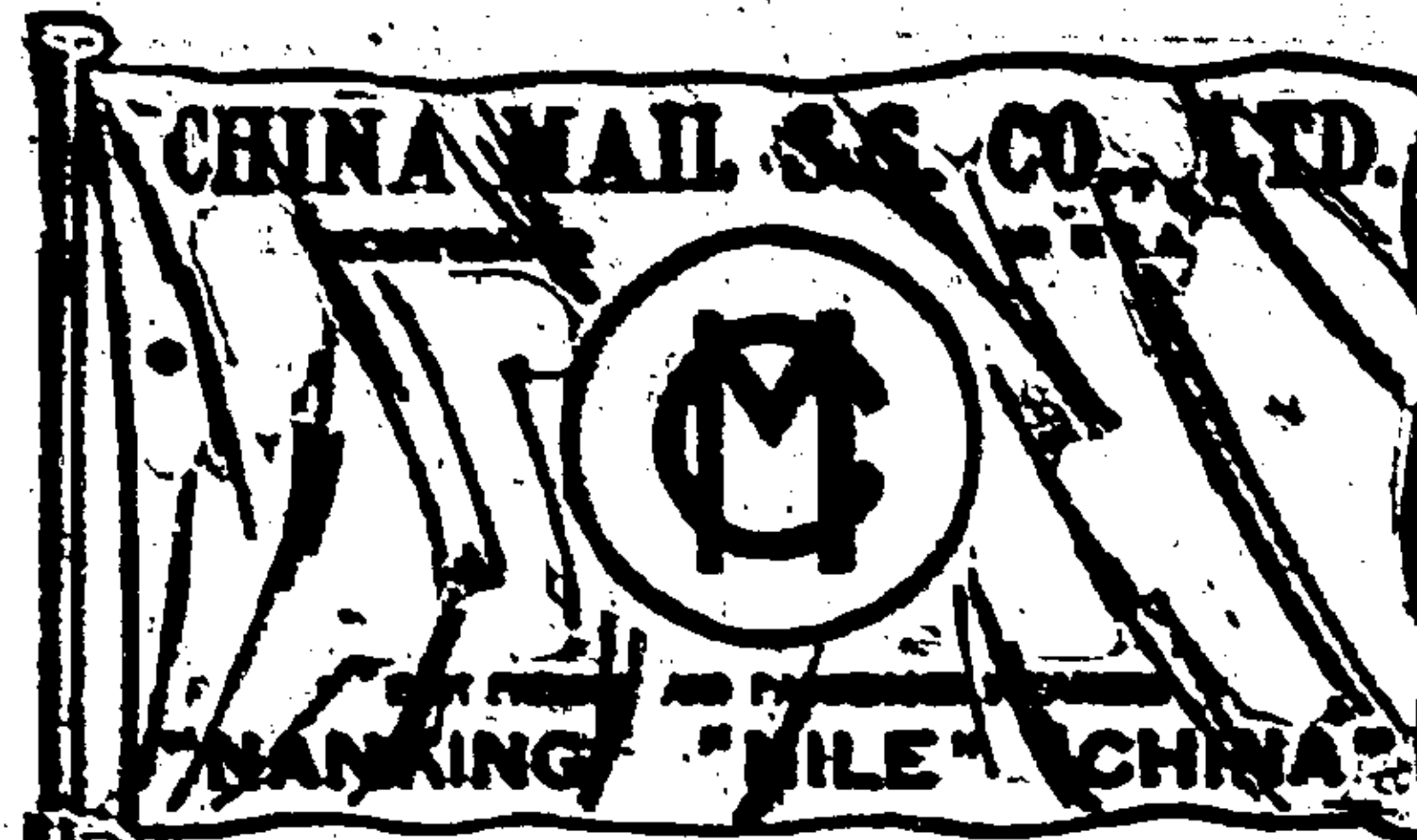
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The Emperor's poor health is primarily due to a disease resembling meningitis from which he suffered in boyhood. His Majesty's health began to show serious symptoms of decline immediately after the military manoeuvres of 1919. The Crown Prince, for some time, has been attending to the work of His Majesty in order to give the Emperor some rest. Absolute rest has now become necessary and hence the Regency. The physicians declare that, although there is no cause for alarm, His Majesty's health is not likely to improve permanently.

The Emperor and Empress will spend the winter at Hayama and go to the Aoyama Palace in the Spring.

Marquis Matsukata, of the Imperial Household Department, is to be made a Prince and Baron Hamano is to be raised to the rank of Viscount.

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Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1921.

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5th to 11th Dec., 1921.

Time	High Water	Low Water	Time	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 5	12.15	4.15	Mon. 11	12.15	4.15
Tues. 6	12.15	4.15	Tues. 12	12.15	4.15
Wed. 7	12.15	4.15	Wed. 13	12.15	4.15
Thurs. 8	12.15	4.15	Thurs. 14	12.15	4.15
Fri. 9	12.15	4.15	Fri. 15	12.15	4.15
Sat. 10	12.15	4.15	Sat. 16	12.15	4.15
Sun. 11	12.15	4.15	Sun. 17	12.15	4.15

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munion (7.50 a.m.) (Choral).
Matins (11 a.m.). Responses.
Ferial; Venite, No. 4 Martin;
Psalms, 147, 150 Stanford; Te
Deum, 2nd Set, Russell, Jones;
Pye; Benedictus, No. 1, Tertius;
Noble; Anthem, "Sing, O
Heaven," Sullivan; Hymn, 379;
Sevenfold Amen. Holy Com-
munion (12 noon), Litany (12
noon), Evensong (6 p.m.). Res-
ponses, Ferial; Psalms, 75 Cooke;
75 Woodward, 82 Turle; Magni-
ficat, 16 Rogers; Nunc Dimittis,
No. 6, Lloyd; Hymns, 169, 243,
22.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,
Queen's Road (opposite the
Royal Naval Hospital), Wanchai.
Sunday, 11th Dec., 1921, Divine
Service and Church Parade
10.15 a.m. Advent Address on
"The Messiah-King." Evening
Service 6 o'clock. Subject:
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Sunday School at 8 p.m. in the
Church. Wesleyan Sailors' and
Soldiers' Home. Chaplain's
Meeting and Social Hour, Sun-
day, 8.15 p.m. Wesley Guild Devotion.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date.	on date.
Barometer	30.05	30.15 30.10
Temperature	70	59 66
Humidity	44	50 47
Wind Direction W.S.W. N.E. E.		
Wind Force	2	3 3
Weather	b	b b
Rain	0.00	0.00 0.00
Highest open air		
Temperature on the 8th	71	
Lowest open air		
Temperature on the 9th	58	

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
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at Meeting, Address by Mr.
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Wed. 8.15 p.m. Ladies' Working
Party and Tea. Friday, at 8 p.m.
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11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.45 p.m.

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